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FARMERS AIDED BY LOAN ASSN. PLAN

Transfers of Land Back to Mortgages During 1937 Top All Records.

"Congratulations to national farm loan association directors, secretaries and local field men on the important part they played in helping transfer back more real estate to farmers in 1937 than ever before in the 20-year history of our co-operative mortgage financing system."

This is the complimentary message received this week by H. L. Irving from Ward K. Newcomb, vice-president of the district land bank at Spokane, in connection with the announcement that sales of farm property by the bank, totalling approximately 1500 pieces throughout the four northwest states, reached a new record volume of \$4,263,000 during the past year.

Mr. Irving is secretary-treasurer for the group of local farm loan associations in this district serving their members through a central business office at Roseburg. The associations are closing new first mortgage loans through the land bank at a present interest rate of 4 per cent per annum. They own capital stock in the district bank in proportion to the amount of outstanding loans they have closed for their farm members since the organization, dating back to 1917.

All Records Broken.

"Because of the land bank's eagerness to return its farm holdings to individual ownership and as rapidly as qualified buyers can be found, we naturally are greatly pleased to report that sales in 1937 broke all previous records," Mr. Newcomb writes. "Decentralized selling efforts and good teamwork by local association officers and directors added the winning touch. Although many farmers moving to the northwest from drought-stricken areas of the middle-west bought farms from the bank, the bulk of sales was made to tenant farmers already established in the neighborhood, and to adjoining farm owners, Mr. Newcomb reports.

"During the past two years cash down payments averaging around 25 per cent have also been higher than any time since the depression," he says, "indicating that ability to pay has increased. We find that the impulse to buy farm land comes natural to persons working security and who want a safe investment. When cash income improves, as during the past two years, land moves readily in considerable volume."

The local farm loan associations and district bank are continuing to offer acquired farm property on favorable terms to farmers who have the qualifications to succeed, Mr. Irving announces, in addition to making new mortgage loans at a record low 4 per cent interest rate.

News of 4-H CLUBS

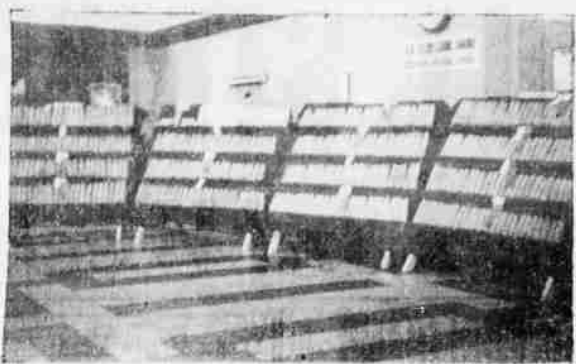
Thirteen boys of the Oakland school have formed a woodworking club and selected as their leader, Kyle V. Hume, teacher of the 4th and 5th grades. These boys are very fortunate in securing Mr. Hume as a leader in that he has excellent ability to put over a fine woodworking program. They elected as their officers: Billy Turner, president; Donald English, vice president; Waynard Cherry, secretary. Other members are Warren Baird, Dick Cooper, James Steves, James McIlhenny, Billie Parker, Don Casland, Wayne Ferrell, Clyde Mappin, Howard Mappin and Ivan Goodman.

From Millwood school comes an enrollment of 11 members in a new 4-H health club. The club is led by Mrs. Margaret Leeper, teacher of the school. Bob Barrett is president; Caroline Teller, vice president; Doris Leonard, secretary. Other members are Margie Mohr, Wanda Allen, Mary Barrett, Melba Leonard, Margaret Wagoner, Eva Wendell, Clifford Wandell, Billa Turner, Barbara McKinney, Alfred Murray and Doris McKinney.

Girls of the Lookingglass school, not to be outdone by the boys, organized a new camp cookery club with 20 members. They selected as their leader Miss Mildred Oliver. The membership of the club includes Virginia Manning, president; Helen Manning, vice president; Betty Elliott, secretary, and Ruth Morgan, Edna Roberts, Virginia Schultz, Elvora Allen, Mary Brooks, Olive Peterson, Lila Ella Crane, Freda Ford, Mary Mann, Georgia Reed, Margaret Krieger, John Tibbatts, Dorothy Krieger, Mary Hoffman, Violet Anderson, Betty Young and Charlotte Wilkins.

Enrollments were received from Oakland this week of four 4-H clubs carrying foods and clothing projects. A new scheme in conducting 4-H club work, Miss Ruth Brandon, instructor in home economics, is serving as advisor to these clubs, each of which is up-

Douglas Corn That Won Awards



One of the finest corn displays to be seen in Oregon this year was that pictured above, the 4-H club display at the lobby of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank. Much of the display carried prizes from the Pacific Livestock Exposition, where Douglas county club corn growers made high ratings. Championship ears later were displayed at the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Under the direct leadership of a student leader, Miss Brandon organized these clubs early in the season and though it was necessary for her to be away because of sickness, Miss Eleanor Hessermer stepped in and ably filled the gap while Miss Brandon was away. One club carries division I cookery and has Hazel Weyforth as leader with the following membership: Jean Wilcox, president; Betty Lou Moore, vice president; Shirley Haines, secretary; Jean Turner, Hazel Weyforth and Margaret Jennings. The group carrying division II of cookery is working under the leadership of Patricia Turner and includes: Dorothy English, president; Dorothy Haines, vice president; Loretta Goff, secretary; and Kathryn Cottenen and Patricia Turner.

The clothing 4-H club has as its leader Hazel Todd. The club is made up of Benah Stephens, president; Jeanne Carstensen, vice president; Phyllis Goff, secretary; and Audrey Meyer, Shirley Meyer, Betty Jean Musgrave, Margaret Melton and Hazel Todd. The largest club of the group of four is that of clothing II project directed by Wanda McHugh and includes as members: Alice Elizabeth, president; Barbara Young, vice president; Hazel Weyforth, secretary; and Helen Chenoweth, Marie Motley, Wanda McHugh, Esther McHugh, Pauline Copeland, Anna Goodman, Lois McCurdy, Georgiana Jennings and Wanda McHugh.

All of these clubs meet occasionally as one, in which case Miss Brandon is leader, Lois Mae McCurdy, president; Catherine Carstensen, vice president; and Dorothy Haines, secretary. Other high school girls assisting are Pauline Copeland, Janette Davidson and Patricia Goff.

The meeting of the Douglas county local leader which was held in the Oakland high school gymnasium last Monday evening was well attended. Entertainment was given by high school students under the direction of Miss Hessermer and Jackson Blies. The entertainment included a skit by the sophomore members by the girls' boys and girls, under the direction of Miss Ruth Brandon, served refreshments. The meeting for February is slated for Riddle and the people of Lookingglass have requested that they have the March meeting.

The silver cup provided by Poultry Department was to the school of more than two months for excellence in 4-H club work was won by the Days Creek school. This was presented at the student body meeting by the county club agent, E. A. Britton.

Four 4-H club members and leaders will be interested to know that seven granges have made request of the Kiwanis club to provide entertainment at which money is to be expended for scholarships to the 4-H club summer school this season. These granges who have made requests are Riversdale, Sutherlin, Days Creek, Melrose, South Deer Creek, Loon Lake and Riddle.

The agricultural committee of the Kiwanis club will meet soon and arrange for a program and make out a schedule. As soon as this is done they will get in touch with those granges making applications.

There is more good news for 4-H club members and that is the scholarships being given by the Roseburg business men. There are as follows: E. C. National bank, Douglas National Bank, Roseburg Dairy, Tippecanoe Dairy, Douglas County Plant Mill, Roseburg News-Review and Parkman's Grocery. Others are giving this consideration and will advise shortly.

Some information on the use of Robert's Rules of Order in 4-H club work is being prepared in the office of the county club agent and will be sent out to leaders for their use in giving instructions to 4-H club officers. Several re-

FARM CONFERENCE DATED IN ROSEBURG

Specialists From Oregon State College to Take Part in Program.

With all advance preparations completed for the one-day Douglas county farm economic conference in Roseburg January 27, a general invitation has been extended to farmers and their wives, as well as to any business men interested, to attend the conference, which will open at 9:30 a. m. in the I. O. O. F. building.

If advance interest is any indication, a large crowd will be on hand during the day to assist in the consideration of important questions facing the agricultural industry of Douglas county, says County Agent J. Roland Parker.

In the light of recent developments—national, state and county—the farmers and their wives, with the assistance of specialists from the Oregon State college extension service, will seek the answers to such questions as: What is the outlook for agriculture in 1938 and over the next few years? In view of the outlook, what crops, numbers and kinds of livestock should be produced in the county? What kind of land use program will conserve soil fertility and prevent erosion? What is the relationship between the farm home and the farm business?

The conference will be opened by G. N. Riddle, who is serving as general chairman for the day. Agricultural planning and its effect on Douglas county agriculture will be discussed by County Agent Parker.

The first committee report to be discussed will be that dealing with farm home and rural life. Following this will be a consideration of the facts gathered by the land use committee, after which long-range agricultural planning and its relationship to the present agricultural outlook will be discussed. Discussion of the reports of the committee on crop acreage and on livestock and grazing problems will conclude the day's program.

Those in charge are emphasizing the desirability of general discussion of the facts presented before reports and recommendations are finally adopted.

This conference is just another step in the successful 15-year organized effort of Oregon farmers, working with the extension service, to keep the state's agricultural industry on a profitable and permanent basis, points out County Agent Parker.

PROGRAM FOR DAIRY MEETING ARRANGED

The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association, to be held in Coquille Valley and Saturday, January 21 and 22, is expected to attract many Douglas county dairymen. Details of the program have recently been announced and will include talks by some of the most outstanding dairymen in the Pacific northwest.

The chief outside speaker is E. C. Conklin, secretary of the National Dairymen's association, who will speak the afternoon of the first day on the subject "It's the Lifetime Record that Counts." He will also be on the banquet program to be held Friday evening. Following is a brief outline of the two-day program:

Friday, January 21, morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock. Address of welcome by E. L. Peterson, president of Cook County Dairymen's association; annual address by President George H. Phillips; "Where are We Going in Dairies Disease?" by Oscar Hage, Reedville dairymen; "Progress Report on Oregon Milk and Cream Grading," by J. D. McKie, Salem.

Afternoon session, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. "Progress in the State Department of Agriculture," by S. T. White, director; "Some Fundamentals of Dairy Cattle Feeding," by P. M. Brandt, head of dairy department, O. S. C.; "It's the Lifetime Record that Counts," by E. C. Conklin.

Saturday, January 22, morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock. "New Uses of Grass in Dairy Cattle Feeding," by R. E. Hodgson, western Washington experiment station; "Practical Possibilities of Artificial Hay Drying," by E. E. Price, department of agricultural engineering, O. S. C.

Afternoon session, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. "Dairy Products Prices," by A. E. Engstrom, member Oregon Milk Control board; "Marketing Dairy Products," by

4-H CLUB JOINS SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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(This cup, which is held by the school of three rooms or larger doing the most outstanding work in club work, was held by Glide the past two years. In order for it to become the permanent possession of a school, it must be won for three years.)

Assembly song, "America the Beautiful."

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CANNERS' SCHOOL DATED AT O. S. C.

CORVALLIS.—Dates for the seventeenth annual canners' and fieldmen's school are February 7 to 19, according to a new pamphlet describing this year's course just issued by the food industries section of the horticultural department at Oregon State college.

The course for canners' fieldmen, included for the first time last year, was so popular that it is being repeated, particular emphasis being given to the work from February 16 to 18. Other chief divisions of work available in the short course are practice in double seaming machines, a fruit and vegetable canning course, study of food standards and grading, and the handling of frozen fruits and vegetables.

The degree work was in charge of Mrs. Ethel Buschark as captain with Mrs. Alice Goff acting as master.

Following the initiation, Mrs. Paula Anderson, Pomona lecturer, presented an interesting program of orchestra music, community singing and stunts. This was followed by recreational games directed by Cornelius Miller, president of the recreational school.

Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served at a late hour.

The next regular meeting of Pomona grange will be held at Evergreen hall January 29.

OUTPUT OF OREGON APPLES DECREASES

PORTLAND, JAN. 17.—(AP)—Oregon's 1937 apple output was 1357 carloads compared with 2261 the previous year.

Northwest fruit moved in good volume despite a slow demand. Prices are the lowest in several seasons.

And What to Boot?

When you buy a tractor do you get the assurance that the machine is in good running order? Does the seller have a decent stock of parts? Does he have a good shop where you can get complete emergency service? Can you depend on his word? Does he represent a good manufacturer?

It is worth money to you if you can say yes to these questions.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange

John Deere, Caterpillar, Fordson

YOU and 21,887,773 other householders

have one thing in common. You are users of electricity. But there the likeness ceases. For some of you make full use of the current that comes into your homes, others of you do not. And if you don't, frankly, you aren't getting your money's worth. That is, if you use electricity for light alone, you pay a proportionately higher rate than the user who has a completely electrified home. This must be so. It costs as much to maintain the service for you as it does to maintain it for the person who makes full use of his electricity. That is why electric companies started the step-down rate.

Of course you know how efficient modern electrical appliances are. Of course you want them. And of course you want to get your full money's worth from your electric service. Your electric company urges you to use all the electrical servants you need to make your work lighter, your home more efficient, your health better. Not because that will increase the size of your electric bill, but because the more you use the less it costs you per unit of use.

Above figure from Electrical Merchandising

The California Oregon Power Company

FARMERS ATTENTION

Massey-Harris complete farm machinery now available—

You are invited to our moving sound picture showing of this line at Riversdale Grange Hall 8 p. m.

Wednesday, January 19

Oregon Grange Wholesale

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